



Kentucky Office of Highway Safety

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KOHS presents highway enforcement mini-grants

Funding supports local law enforcement efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 12, 2010) – The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) has presented \$365,500 in federal funds to local law enforcement agencies in an effort to bolster highway enforcement in targeted communities.

Fifty-three agencies were identified in counties with a high number of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities. The six-month grants, running April 1 through September 30, will help support efforts to reduce impaired driving and speeding, and increase seat belt usage.

KOHS Executive Director Chuck Geveden reinforced the importance of this funding.

“Police working the streets must have the necessary resources to combat violations that so often lead to death and destruction on our roadways,” Geveden said. “We are firmly committed to improving highway safety in Kentucky, and that means combining heightened enforcement with education, engineering and emergency response.”

The funds can be used for overtime enforcement and fuel costs to help agencies that do not have full-year grants to increase high visibility enforcement. All traffic safety grants are federally funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by the KOHS.

There were 791 deaths on Kentucky roadways in 2009. Of those fatalities, 649 were in passenger vehicles. Sixty-one percent of fatality victims in passenger vehicles were not buckled up. More than 20 percent of passenger vehicle fatality crashes involved alcohol. Motorcyclists accounted for 80 fatalities, of which more than 60 percent of victims were not wearing a helmet. Nineteen percent of fatal motorcycle crashes involved alcohol.

Total Highway Fatalities:

1999	729
2000	823
2001	843
2002	915
2003	931
2004	964
2005	985
2006	913
2007	864
2008	826
2009	791

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Eds. note: Attached is a spreadsheet listing mini-grant agencies by county and designated grant amount, as well as the number of crashes, injuries, fatalities and number of unrestrained fatalities.

Eds. note: Attached is a spreadsheet detailing the agencies with full fiscal year grants that run October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.